

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:222

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IDENTIFICATION OF BACKWARD DISTRICTS

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the very poor and backward districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any new schemes for the development of these districts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the amount likely to be spent on the schemes; and
- (e) the time by which the schemes are likely to be implemented along with the targets fixed therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) :Yes, sir.

(b) :The Backward Districts Initiative of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana, a new programme launched by the Government in the 10th Plan, covers 115 backward districts and 32 districts affected by left wing extremism. The list of districts is enclosed.

(c):District Plans in respect of these districts are to be prepared by the district authorities in consultation with the representatives of PRIs, NGOs and other stakeholders keeping in view the felt needs of the people and the need to fill the critical gaps in the social and physical infrastructure.

(d) & (e) : A sum of Rs. 45 crore is being allocated for each district covered under the Backward Districts Initiative over a period of three years.

List of districts referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 222 for answer on 01.12.2004 regarding Identification of Backward Districts.

Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana : Backward Districts Initiative

I. List of backward districts

Sl. No. Name of the State Name of the District

1. Andhra Pradesh 1. Adilabad
2. Warangal
3. Chittoor
4. Mahbubnagar
5. Vizianagaram

2. Bihar 1. Vaishali
2. Samastipur
3. Sheohar
4. Jamui
5. Nawadah
6. Araria
7. Darbhanga
8. Purnea

9. Madhubani
10. Supaul
11. Muzaffarpur
12. Katihar
13. Lakhisarai

3. Chhattisgarh 1. Bastar
2. Dantewada
3. Kankar
4. Bilaspur

4. Gujarat 1. Dangs
2. Dohad
3. Panchmahals

5. Haryana 1. Sirsa

6. Jharkhand 1. Lohardagga
2. Gumla
3. Simdega
4. Saraikela
5. Singhbhum West
6. Godda

7. Karnataka 1. Gulbarga
2. Bidar
3. Chitradurga
4. Davangere

8. Kerala 1. Palakkad
2. Wynad

9. Madhya Pradesh 1. Mandla
2. Barwani
3. West Nimar
4. Seoni
5. Shahdol
6. Umaria
7. Balaghat
8. Satna
9. Sidhi

10. Maharashtra 1. Gadchiroli
2. Bhandara
3. Gondia
4. Chandrapur
5. Hingoli
6. Nanded
7. Dhule
8. Nandurbar
9. Ahmednagar

11. Orissa 1. Keonjhar
2. Sundargarh

12. Punjab 1. Hoshiarpur

13. Rajasthan 1. Banswara
2. Dungarpur
3. Jhalawar

14. Tamil Nadu 1. Tiruvannamalai
2. Dindigul
3. Cuddalore

- 4.Naggapattinam
5. Sivgangai

15. Uttar Pradesh 1.Sonbhadra
 - 2.Raebareli
 - 3.Unnao
 - 4.Sitapur
 - 5.Hardoi
 - 6.Banda
 - 7.Chitrakoot
 - 8.Fatehpur
 - 9.Barabanki
 10. Mirzapur
 - 11.Gorakhpur
 12. Kushinagar
 - 13.Lalitpur
 - 14.Jaunpur
 - 15.Hamirpur
 - 16.Jalaun
 - 17.Mahoba
 - 18.Kaushambi
 - 19.Azamgarh
 - 20.Pratapgarh

16. West Bengal 1.Purulia
 - 2.24 South Parganas
 - 3.Jalpaiguri
 - 4.Midnapur West
 - 5.South Dinajpur
 - 6.Bankura
 - 7.North Dinajpur
 - 8.Birbhum

Special Category States

17. Assam 1.Kokrajhar
 - 2.North Lakhimpur
 - 3.Karbi Anglong
 - 4.Dhemaji
 - 5.North Cachar Hills
18. Arunachal Pradesh 1.Uppar Subansiri

19. Himachal Pradesh 1.Chamba
 - 2.Sirmaur

20. Jammu & Kashmir 1.Doda
 - 2.Kupwara
 - 3.Poonch

21. Manipur 1.Tamenlong
22. Meghalaya 1.West Garo Hills
23. Mizoram 1.Lawngtlai
24. Nagaland 1. Mon
25. Sikkim 1. Sikkim
26. Tripura 1. Dhalai

27. Uttaranchal 1.Champavat
 - 2.Tehri Garhwal
 - 3.Chamoli

Total 115

II. List of Extremist Affected Districts

Sl No. State Districts

1. Andhra Pradesh 1.Karimnagar
2.Khammam
3.Medak
4.Nalgonda
5.Nizamabad

2. Bihar 1.Aurangabad
2.Gaya
3.Jehanabad
4.Rohtas
5.Nalanda
6.Patna
7.Bhojpur
8.Kaimur

3. Jharkhand 1.Hazaribagh
2.Palamu
3.Chattra
4.Garhwa
5.Ranchi
6.Latehar
7.Giridih
8.Koderma
9.Bokaro
10.Dhanbad

4. Madhya Pradesh 1.Dindori

5. Chhatisgarh 1.Kawardha
2.Rajnandgaon
3.Sarguja
4.Jashpur

6. Orissa 1.Ganjam
2.Gajapati
3.Mayurbhanj

7. Uttar Pradesh 1.Chandauli

Total 32

Grand Total 147